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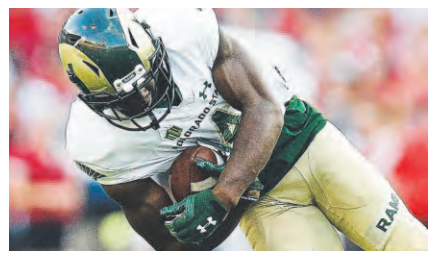

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HONORS FOR WWII NAVY MAN

Ship, with 3 earned medals, finally comes in for vet, 90

World War II Navy veteran Charles Kenneth Farley, 90, sits near the shadow box that contains the three medals he received from Gov. John Hickenlooper at the state Capitol on Tuesday. *Joe Amon, The Denver Post*

By Tom McGhee
The Denver Post

Seventy-two years after Charles Kenneth Farley bade farewell to LST 74, the landing ship on which he served during World War II, Gov. John Hickenlooper on Tuesday presented him with three medals he had earned but never received.

The 90-year-old Arvada resident worked in the engine room of the ship, which hauled tanks and other weaponry during the war. Much of his time was spent in a cramped, noisy, hot engine room. But when the ship engaged in battle, he manned a deck gun.

Farley's memory isn't as sharp as it once was, but he remembers the friends he made in the Navy, some of whom didn't return. And he remembers the ship he called home. "An LST is not a real nice place to work, (but) it was quite a place," he said.

In his office at the state Capitol, Hickenlooper presented the veteran with a shadow box that included an American flag, other memorabilia and

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Charles Kenneth Farley worked in the engine room of the the ship LST 74, center, docked at Bagnoli harbor in Italy in July 1944. *U.S. Army Signal Corps via U.S. National Archives*

Republican leaders plan to use Senate measure to take aim at the ACA's individual insurance mandate.

By Mike DeBonis and Damian Paletta
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON» Republican Senate leaders Tuesday said they would seek a repeal of the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate through their tax bill, a major change of strategy as they try to accomplish two of their top domestic priorities in a single piece of legislation.

Repealing the mandate, which compels most Americans to buy health insurance or pay a fine, would free up more than $300 billion of government funding over the next decade that Republicans could use to finance their proposed tax cuts, but it would result in 13 million fewer people having health insurance, according to projections from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

The CBO also has projected that repealing the individual mandate would drive up insurance premiums for many Americans by roughly 10 percent.

The injection of health policy into the tax debate introduces a volatile variable into what was a challenging political enterprise for Republicans. And it's unclear whether it will help or hurt the bill's chances.

By freeing up hundreds of billions of dollars, Senate leaders have more flexibility as they attempt to assuage the concerns of anxious members from across their caucus.

Senate GOP leadership has come under pressure to boost the tax plan's benefits for the middle class as nonpartisan projections have shown that the wealthy and big corporations would benefit most. At the same time, leaders are struggling to ensure that the legislation does not add too much to the budget deficit in the long run, threatening the bill's viability under the procedures they intend to use to pass it.

"We're optimistic that inserting the individual mandate repeal would be helpful," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday after meeting with party members during a closed-door lunch.

Eliminating the individual mandate and having far fewer people signed up for insurance saves money because many of those people receive federal subsidies to buy coverage.

But the elimination would cause substantial political problems of its own.

The attack on former President Barack Obama's signature legislative achievement is likely to rule out the slim possibility of support from Democrats, and the prospect of adding millions to the ranks of the uninsured could trouble mod-

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN COLORADO LEGISLATURE

Top Dem faces call for resignation, investigation

By John Frank *The Denver Post*

Colorado's top Democratic lawmaker is under fire for how she handled a colleague's sexual harassment complaint against a member of their party and now faces calls for an independent investigation.

House Speaker Crisanta Duran appointed Rep. Steve Lebsock, D-Thornton, as chairman of the Local Government Committee for the 2017-18 legislative session despite knowing that the fellow lawmaker made the allegation against him seven months earlier. The accusation became public Friday and was followed by harassment complaints from two other women.

The Denver Democrat defended

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